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SUMMARY: FORMIN AREILZA'S JAN 8-10 VISITS TO FRG, LUXEMBOURG
AND FRANCE ARE FIRST STEPS IN BROADER GOS PLAN TO CONTACT EC
COUNTRIES AT HIGH LEVEL BEFORE END OF MARCH FOR PURPOSE OF
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IMPARTING NEW IMPETUS TO SPAIN'S EVENTUAL ACCESSION TO EC.

ACCORDING TO MFA, FRG, FRANCE AND LUXEMBOURG HAVE ALREADY AGREED TO ADVOCATE RESUMPTION OF TALKS ON A REVISED PREFERENTIAL TRADE AGREEMENT WITH SPAIN AT EC COUNCIL MEETING IN BRUSSELS, JAN 19-20. ORDER OF GOS PRIORITIES IN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS, AS STATED BY AREILZA, IS: (1) EC ACCESSION, (2) NATO TIE, AND (3) ADMISSION TO COUNCIL OF EUROPE. ALTHOUGH IT REMAINS FOR PREMIER ARIAS TO DEFINE GOVT PROGRAM TIMETABLE IN "CORTES" SPEECH JAN 28, AREILZA HAS REPORTEDLY TOLD HIS EUROPEAN INTER-LOCUTORS THAT GOBT PLANS SOME SORT OF CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUM IN SUMMER FOLLOWED BY MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE FALL AND PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS BASED ON UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE IN EARLY 1977. (OTHER GOVT SPEKESMEN REFER TO LATER IN 1977.) AREILZA HAS BEEN CHARACTERIZED BY EUROPEAN DIPLOMATS HERE AS "COMPETENT SALESMAN" FOR AS YET UNFINISHED PRODUCTS; MEANWHILE FRENCH AND GERMANS NOTE CHANGE OF POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE IN SPAIN AND GRANT DECENT CREDIBILITY TO GOVT'S STATEMENTS, WHILE WITHHOLDING DEFINITIVE JUDGMENTS ON THE NEW GOS. END SUMMARY.

1. FOLLOW-UP INQUIRIES WITH MFA AND FRG AND FRENCH EMBASSIES TO REPORTS IN REFTELS OF OUTCOME OF FORMIN AREILZA'S JAN 8-10 VISITS TO FRG, LUXEMBOURG AND FRANCE HAVE PRODUCED THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL POINTS:

2. ACCORDING TO MFA, AREILZA HAS INITIATED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO VISIT MOST OF THE EC COUNTRIES PLUS PORTUGAL BEFORE THE END OF MARCH (A PUBLIC AREILZA-ANTUNES MEETING MIGHT POSSIBLY TAKE PLACE WITHIN SEVERAL WEEKS AT A FRONTIER POINT). AREILZA PLANS TO VISIT BRUSSELS NEXT, INTENDING TO ACHIEVE THREE OBJECTIVES THERE: (A) ENLIST GOB SUPPORT FOR SPAIN'S EFFORTS TO ENTER EC, (B) TO ESTABLISH HIGH-LEVEL CONTACT WITH EC COMMISSION, AND (C) TO HOLD EXPLORATORY MEETING WITH NATO SECGEN LUNS. FORMIN THEN PLANS A SUBSEQUENT VISIT TO LONDON, DUBLIN, AND PERHAPS TO ROME.

3. THE FRG, FRANCE AND LUXEMBOURG HAVE AGREED TO RECOMMEND TO THE EC COUNCIL MEETING IN BRUSSELS JAN 19-20 THE RESUMPTION OF TALKS WITH SPAIN ON REVISION OF THE 1970 TRADE AGREEMENT. AREILZA MADE CLEAR TO THE GERMANS AND FRENCH THAT THE NEW SPANISH GOVT WANTED TO TAKE DEFINITE STEPS TOWARDS FULL ACCESSION. ACCORDING TO FRG EMBASSY, GERMANS EXPLAINED TO HIM THE REALITIES
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OF BOTH POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC OBSTACLES WHICH STAND IN THE WAY OF ACCELERATED PROCESS OF ACCESSION. IN THEIR VIEW, AREILZA, FOR DOMESTIC POLITICAL PURPOSES, WAS CLEARLY SEEKING TO OBTAIN SOMETHING MORE THAN MERE REVISION OF THE 1970 AGREEMENT.

4. IN HIS TALKS IN THE THREE CAPITALS AREILZA FOLLOWED THE SAME LINE OF PRESENTATION OF GOVT PLANS FOR DEMOCRATIZATION. AS HE PRESENTED TIMETABLE, GOS WILL HOLD SOME SORT OF CONSTITUTIONAL

REFERENDUM IN THE COMING SUMMER (AS FRAGA HAS INITIATED PUBLICLY) FOLLOWED BY LOCAL ELECTIONS IN NOVEMBER AND PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS IN EARLY 1977 BASED ON UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE. (OTHER GOVT SPOKESMEN REFER TO PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS LATER IN 1977.)

5. BOTH IN HIS PRIVATE TALKS AND IN HIS PUBLIC STATEMENTS IN PARIS AND ON HIS RETURN TO MADRID AREILZA DEFINED GOS PRIORITIES IN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS AS FOLLOWS: (1) ACCESSION TO THE EC, (2) AN OFFICIAL TIE WITH NATO, (3) MEMBERSHIP IN THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE. WITH RESPECT TO LAST POINT, WE NOTE THT SPANISH PARLIMENTARIANS HAD FIRST CONTACT IN PARIS IN MID-DECEMBER WITH COUNCIL OF EUROPE WHOSE CURRENT DEPUTY SEC GEN, COUNT SFORZA, WAS ENTERTAINED BY AREILZA IN MADRID, DEC 23, 1975. ACCORDING TO FRG EMBASSY, AREILZA PRESSED HARD FOR GERMAN SUPPORT FOR THE PRESENCE OF SPANISH OBSERVERS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS. (IN A RELATED DEVELOPMENT KING JUAN CARLOS I RECEIVED JAN 8 EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT VICE PRESIDENT BERKHAWER WHO SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD PRESS REPS THAT A GENUINE PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY WAS A PREREQUISITE FOR SPANISH ENTRY INTO THE EUROPEAN POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS).

6. BOTH FRENCH AND GERMANS WERE REPORTEDLY VERY IMPRESSED WITH AREILZA'S SALESMANSHIP, ENHANCED BY HIS FLUENT AND ARTICULATE FRENCH AND GERMAN. AT THE SAME TIME, BOTH GERMAN AND FRENCH OFFICIALS, WHILE BELIEVING THAT NEW GOVT HAS RESPECTABLE LEVEL OF CREDIBILITY ALSO BELIEVE THAT THEY MUST AWAIT SPECIFIC CHANGES IN THE CONSTITUTIONAL AND JURIDICAL STRUCTURE BEFORE JUDGING THE REAL DEGREE OF POLITICAL LIBERALIZATION; AREILZA OBTAINED PLEDGES OF SUPPORT FOR THE GOS'S EFFORTS, BUT HE WAS ALSO TOLD THAT DEFINITE POLITICAL STEPS HAD TO BE TAKEN TO CHANGE THE REGIME. BOTH GERMANS AND FRENCH GAVE HIGH POINTS TO AREILZA FOR HIS SKILL IN MANIPULATING THEIR OWN MEDIA BY ARRANGING FOR PRESS BRIEFINGS WITH THEIR LOCAL CORRESPONDENTS IN MADRID PRIOR TO HIS TRIP.
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(THIS IS INDEED A NEW DEPARTURE FOR SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTERS.)

7. ACCORDING TO MFA DIRGEN FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS, AREILZA HAS HIS OWN DEFINITE IDEAS OF WHERE HE BELIEVES SPAIN SHOULD GO IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND CONSEQUENTLY DOES WITHOUT MUCH OF THE BUREAUCRATIC BACKSTOPPING REQUIRED BY HIS PREDECESSOR. JUDGING FROM THE COMMENTS OF FRG AND FRENCH EMBASSY OFFICERS THEIR OFFICIALS IN BONN AND PARIS GATHERED THAT AREILZA KNEW BY HEART WHAT HE WANTED AND WAS EXTREMELY PERSUASIVE AND CONVINCING IN HIS PRESENTATION. HE HAS INTRODUCED A NEW DYNAMISM IN SPANISH DIPLOMACY.
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